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C O N F I D E N T I A L THE HAGUE 4287

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SUBJ: DUTCH-BELGIAN QUESTIONS RE GUARANTEES AND
COMMITMENTS ON A US REPLACEMENT FIGHTER

1. FONMIN VAN DER STOEL ASKED CHARGE TO SEE HIM EVENING
OF SEPTEMBER 2 TO GIVE HIM TEXT OF SIX QUESTIONS PER-
TAINING TO GUARANTEES, COMMITMENTS AND OTHER ASPECTS
OF USG PROPOSALS FOR A REPLACEMENT FIGHTER. VAN DER
STOEL EXPLAINED THAT GOB FOREIGN AND DEFENSE MINISTERS
VAN ELSLANDE AND VAN DEN BOEYNANTS HAD BEEN UP TO SEE
HIM AND DEFENSE MINISTER VREDELING THAT MORNING AND
HAD AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO PUT THESE QUESTIONS
TO US AUTHORITIES NOW SO THAT THE FOUR DEFENSE MINISTERS
COULD RECEIVE ANSWERS TO THEM WHEN THEY VISITED
WASHINGTON LATER THIS MONTH.

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2. VAN DER STOEL SAID THAT HE WAS PRESENTING THESE QUESTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE GOB AND HIS OWN GOVERNMENT, HENCE THE PRESENCE OF THE BELGIAN CHARGE. HE CLARIFIED THAT THE BELGIANS AND DUTCH HAD NOT RPT NOT TRIED TO COORDINATE THE QUESTIONS WITH THE DANES AND NORWEGIANS. VAN DER STOEL ADDED THAT A SIMILAR SET OF QUESTIONS HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THE FRENCH CHARGE EARLIER IN THE DAY.

3. VAN DER STOEL GAVE NO DETAILS ABOUT THE TALKS WITH VAN ELSLANDE AND VAN DEN BOEYNANTS OTHER THAN TO SAY THAT THEY HAD COVERED THE TECHNICAL, ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF THE REPLACEMENT FIGHTER QUESTION. SPECIFICALLY, THEIR TALKS HAD NOT RPT NOT TOUCHED ON POLITICAL ASPECTS ALTHOUGH VAN DER STOEL REFERRED TO A STATEMENT BY PRIMIN DEN UYL AFTER THE LAST CABINET MEETING (WHICH WE HAVE NOT YET SEEN BUT WILL OBTAIN) TO THE EFFECT THAT THE ULTIMATE DECISION OF THE GON ON A REPLACEMENT FIGHTER WOULD TAKE POLITICAL FACTORS INTO CONSIDERATION.

4. CHARGE PROMISED TO TRANSMIT TEXT OF QUESTIONS WITHOUT DELAY (SEE SEPTTEL).

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